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## Press Release

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### Pennsylvania Red Meat Production Up 8 Percent in November

HARRISBURG --- Commercial red meat production in the state during November 2002 totaled 109.2 million pounds, dressed weight basis, up 8 percent from November 2001, according to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service (PASS).

Beef production, at 115.0 million pounds live weight, was up 11 percent from November 2001. Total head slaughtered was 90,300. Live weight averaged 1,273 pounds, a decrease of 7 pounds from last year. Veal production was 5.6 million pounds live weight, 4 percent more than a year ago. Calf slaughter of 17,200 head was up 15 percent; average live weight decreased 38 pounds to 324 pounds.

Pork production, at 58.1 million pounds live weight, was up 9 percent from November 2001. Total head slaughtered was 230,600, up 10 percent from last year. Average live weight decreased 3 pounds to 252 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production was 731,000 pounds live weight, up 44 percent from a year ago. The number slaughtered was 6,800, up 45 percent from November of last year. The average live weight was unchanged from last year.

Nationally, commercial red meat production for November totaled 3.91 billion pounds, dressed weight basis, down 2 percent from the 3.97 billion pounds produced in November 2001. Beef production, dressed weight basis, at 2.16 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Veal production, at 16.9 million pounds, 4 percent above November a year ago. Pork production totaled 1.71 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the previous year. Lamb and mutton production, at 17.8 million pounds, was down 9 percent from November 2001.

January-November red meat production was 43.3 billion pounds, 3 percent above the comparable figure a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was up 4 percent from last year, veal was down 1 percent, pork was up 3 percent, and lamb and mutton was down 3 percent.